

Media Release

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PROTECTING OUR LIVING HERITAGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The Andrews Labor Government is protecting and enhancing Victoria's most cherished historical landmarks and significant objects as part of the Living Heritage Program.

Minister for Planning Lizzie Blandthorn today announced \$2.2 million towards 18 new projects across Victoria as part of round 7 of the program – investing in important repair and activation works.

Round 7 will see works begin at two heritage places in Melbourne and 16 heritage places or objects across regional Victoria including the Hinnomunjie Bridge, an historic timber truss bridge in East Gippsland that requires conservation work following the Black Summer Bushfires in 2019-20.

Other projects include restoration of the former railway water tower in Murtoa, and an ornamental fountain in the Geelong Botanic Gardens, repairs to the former Courthouse, Police Quarters and Lock-up in Daylesford and conservation works to several buildings on Churchill Island such as Amess House and Barn, and Rogers Cottage.

In Melbourne All Saints Church in East St Kilda will receive funds for urgent sandstone repairs and St Marks Anglican Church in Fitzroy will be able to upgrade their roof and brickwork.

Since 2016, the Labor Government has invested more than \$60 million on more than 180 conservation projects.

Heritage plays a large part in Victoria's livability and contributes approximately \$2.4 billion each year towards Victoria's tourism industry and supports 184,800 jobs.

The Living Heritage Program is the largest ever State Government investment in Victoria's heritage and provides grants for conservation works to at risk State heritage listed places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register.

To find out more about the Living Heritage Program visit, heritage.vic.gov.au/grants/living-heritage-program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Lizzie Blandthorn

"For six years now the Living Heritage Program has been conserving state significant places and objects across Victoria ensuring their protection, ongoing use and enjoyment into the future."

"It's an honour to announce the successful grant projects. The diverse array of places receiving grants all tell stories about us and our past and contribute to the fabric of our communities."

Full list of recipients:

- Hinnomunjie Bridge, Omeo - \$ 200,000
- Tatura World War II Internment and POW Camps Collection, Tatura, - \$40,000
- St Marks Anglican Church, Fitzroy - \$155,000
- Former Railway Water Tower, Murtoa - \$183,000
- All Saints Church, Hall and former Vicarage, East St Kilda - \$200,000
- Castlemaine Railway Precinct, Castlemaine - \$39,000
- Courthouse, former Police Quarters and Lock-up, Daylesford - \$124,000
- Captain John Mills House, Port Fairy - \$103,000
- Mechanics Institute and Library, Kyneton - \$200,000
- Chicory Kiln, Maddingley -\$ 33,000
- Eastern Park and Geelong Botanic Gardens, East Geelong - \$ 35,000
- Court house, Traralgon - \$ 98,000
- Churchill Island, Newhaven - \$198,000
- Former Benalla Migrant Camp, Benalla - \$195,000
- Bendigo Cemetery, Quarry Hill - 133,000
- Manyung Recreation Camp, Mount Eliza - \$188,000
- Hiawatha A Frame Bridge, Hiawatha - \$50,000
- Fisherman's Shed, Queenscliff - \$38,000